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Application No. 09/221,250
Attorney Docket No.: 98-057**CLAIM AMENDMENTS
MARKED UP FORM****Claims 47, 68, 75, 95, 117, 127, 133, 140 and 174 have been amended as****follows:**

47. (Amended) A method for a central server to manage remote monitoring tasks, comprising:

receiving a request from a user of a user device to monitor a remote location in exchange for [value] compensation to the user;

determining a remote location to be monitored;

enabling communication between a sensor at the remote location and the user device; and

measuring user attentiveness while the user device is in communication with the sensor.

68. (Amended) A method for [a] alerting a user of a computer of an emergency at a remotely monitored location, comprising:

maintaining the computer in communication with a sensor at the remotely monitored location;

transmitting a signal indicative of a predetermined event detected by the sensor to the computer; and

transmitting video data from a camera at the remotely monitored location to the computer,

wherein the signal causes the computer to preempt a program unrelated to remote monitoring to display the video data.

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75. (Amended) A method for a user of a data network to monitor remote locations in exchange for value, comprising:

receiving a data stream generated by a sensor at a remote location;

monitoring the data stream for an amount of time; and

receiving credit to a user account for monitoring the data stream for that amount of time.

95. (Amended) The system of claim 94 wherein the user [devices] device is a personal computer.

117. (Amended) A system for managing remote monitoring tasks comprising:

a central server including a memory device[;] and a processor in communication with the memory device;

and the processor configured to:

assign to a user of a data network a remote monitoring task including a remote location to monitor and a shift for monitoring the remote location; and

provide the user with information relating to the remote monitoring task, the information to be transmitted by the user to the central server at approximately a start of the shift.

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127. (Amended) A system for managing remote monitoring tasks comprising:

- a memory device;
- a processor in communication with the memory device;
- and the processor configured to:
 - determine a remote location to be monitored;
 - enable communication between a sensor at the remote location and a plurality of users of a data network;
 - determine an amount of time each user of the plurality of users has monitored the remote location; and
 - credit value to [at least one] each user of the plurality of users for monitoring the remote location in accordance with the amount of time that each user has monitored the remote location.

133. (Amended) A system for managing remote monitoring tasks comprising:

- a memory device;
- a processor in communication with the memory device;
- and the processor configured to:
 - receive a request from a user of a user device to monitor a remote location in exchange for [value] compensation to the user;
 - determine a remote location to be monitored;
 - enable communication between a sensor at the remote location and the user device for remote monitoring purposes; and
 - measure user attentiveness while the user device is in communication with the sensor.

140. (Amended) The system of claim 133 wherein the processor is configured to [measures] measure user attentiveness by transmitting a test communication to the user at the user device; and determining whether a response to the test communication has been received within a predetermined period of time.

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174. (Amended) A [method] system for a central server to manage remote monitoring tasks, comprising:

- a memory device;
- a processor in communication with the memory device;
- and the processor configured to:
 - receive a request from a user of a user device to monitor a remote location;
 - determine a remote location to be monitored;
 - determine whether predetermined criteria have been satisfied prior to enabling communication between a sensor at the remote location and the user device;
 - enable communication between the sensor and the user device;
 - measure user attentiveness while the user device is in communication with the sensor for remote monitoring purposes; and
 - credit value to the user in accordance with an amount of time the user device has been in communication with the sensor for remote monitoring purposes.